GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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SUGAR POLICY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a rational policy regarding sugar industry at the national level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said policy is likely to be finalised?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b) The Central Government had constituted a committee headed by Dr. C. Rangarajan on Sugar Industry to comprehensively look into all the issues related to deregulation of the sugar sector. The committee submitted its report to the Government on 5th October, 2012. The Committee has, interalia, recommended removal of the levy sugar obligation and dispensing with the regulated release mechanism on non-levy sugar; Rationalisation of sugarcane pricing; Abolition of cane area reservation system and bonding; Doing away with the minimum distance norms as states discontinue cane area reservation; liberalisation of sugar trade; market determination of prices of by-products with no earmarked end use allocations; and taking out sugar from the purview of Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use in Packaging Commodities) Act, 1987.

(c) The recommendations of the Committee are under active consideration of the Government.